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TO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

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SUBJECT: PAK AMBASSADOR'S LETTER TO SECRETARY ON WHEAT AND
VEGOIL

FOLLOWING LETTER DATED OCTOBER 4 SENT BY PAK AMBASSADOR
SULTAN KHAN TO THE SECRETARY AND PASSED TO YOU FYI:

QUOTE:

MY DEAR SECRETARY OF STATE,

YOU WILL RECALL THAT DURING HIS TALKS WITH PRESIDENT
NIXON ON 19TH SEPTEMBER, PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO HAD MADE
AN URGENT REQUEST FOR 5 - 6 HUNDRED THOUSAND TONS OF WHEAT
AND 100,000 TONS OF EDIBLE OIL. THE PRESIDENT HAD KINDLY
AGREED TO GIVE SPEEDY CONSIDERATION TO THIS REQUEST. AS
TWO WEEKS HAVE PASSED SINCE THEN, I AM TAKING THE LIBERTY
OF WRITING TO YOU TO URGE AN EARLY DECISION. THE PASSAGE
OF TIME AND FURTHER ASSESSMENT OF FLOOD DAMAGE HAS ONLY
CONFIRMED THAT THERE IS A VERY PRESSING NEED FOR THE WHEAT
AND EDIBLE OIL, IF FAMINE CONDITIONS ARE TO BE AVERTED. I
MAY ADD THAT IT TAKES ABOUT TWO MONTHS FOR THE CONSIGNMENT
TO REACH PAKISTAN FROM THE UNITED STATES, AND AN EARLY
DECISION WOULD, THEREFORE, BE TIMELY.

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I AM CONSCIOUS OF YOUR VERY BUSY SCHEDULE, BUT I

WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET YOU PERSONALLY
AT YOUR CONVENIENCE AT ANY TIME IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO
DISCUSS AND EXPLAIN CERTAIN VERY IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF
THE ABOVE MENTIONED REQUIREMENTS.

PLEASE ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY
HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

YOURS SINCERELY,

(SULTAN MUHAMMAD KHAN) UNQUOTE
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